

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 21 and 157-191 were pending in the subject application, as corroborated in the Official correspondence dated July 29, 2005.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 170, 171, 175, 176, 185, 186, 190 and 191 will be pending.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 170-171, 175-176, 185-186 and 190-191 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 10 of commonly-owned US 5,767,144.

Applicants traverse the rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the same.

Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer, in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b), to overcome the rejection based on the nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 21, 66-169, 172-174, 177-184 and 187-189 stand objected to as being drawn to non-elected inventions. The Examiner asserts that elimination of these claims would obviate the objection.

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Claims 1, 21, 157-169, 172-174, 177-184 and 187-189 have been withdrawn, and claims 66-156 were cancelled in the correspondence dated May 5, 2003, a copy of which Applicants would be pleased to provide if requested by the Examiner.

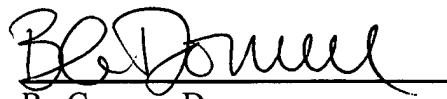
CONCLUSION

Allowance of claims 170, 171, 175, 176, 185, 186, 190 and 191 is respectfully requested.

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